



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 5.8
Soil moisture supplies: 3% very short, 5% short, 79% adequate and 13% surplus

Field Crops Report
Scattered rainfall fell across parts of the state. Spring plowing continued to progress as fields started to dry out. Corn planting continued to increase to 80% complete, 7% above the 5-year-average. Rice producers have planted 34% of the rice, 13% above the 5-year-average. Sorghum producers had completed 6% of planting, the same as the 5-year average. Sugarcane producers continued to off-barr sugarcane.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops
Vegetable producers were busy harvesting greenhouse tomatoes, and planting bell pepper and tomato plants. Strawberry producers continued spraying and harvesting strawberries. Cantaloupe and watermelon producers were busy with planting. Citrus producers scouted for insects. Crawfish trapping continued, and catches remained low.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report
Cattlemen worked cattle. Pastures showed improvement with the warmer weather.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2009	5 YR AVG
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	56	34	72	50
Corn	Planted	80	40	73	63
Rice	Planted	34	10	24	21
Sorghum	Planted	6	N/A	2	6

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Sugarcane	7	27	54	11	1
Winter Wheat	0	7	45	47	1
Livestock	4	15	47	33	1
Vegetables	6	19	50	24	1
Pasture	6	22	45	26	1



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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 03/22/10 TO 03/28/10

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	75	34	55	59	0.51	2.60	9.25	13.25
Minden	74	32	53	58	0.64	2.81	11.21	14.44
Mooringsport	75	33	55	MM	0.92	3.35	11.02	12.26
Extreme/Average	75	32	54	59	0.69	2.92	10.49	13.57
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	76	35	55	59	0.47	1.99	9.17	15.75
Homer/Hill Farm	75	32	52	58	0.46	2.46	12.79	14.70
ULM-Monroe	76	36	57	59	0.32	1.29	9.32	16.41
Columbia Lock	76	34	55	MM	0.45	1.54	8.23	16.63
Extreme/Average	76	32	54	60	0.43	1.82	9.88	15.63
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	74	35	56	58	0.47	1.39	8.54	16.68
LSU-St Joseph	76	27	55	60	1.01	2.41	14.84	16.95
LSU-Winnsboro	74	36	55	59	0.50	1.72	8.86	16.18
Tallulah	74	35	55	59	0.79	3.11	10.89	16.78
Extreme/Average	76	(27)	55	60	0.69	2.16	10.78	16.58
4. West-Central								
Leesville	75	36	56	61	0.84	2.64	11.10	15.16
LSU-Rosepine	73	36	56	61	0.72	2.57	12.22	15.05
Natchitoches	77	39	57	60	0.30	1.88	10.36	14.95
Extreme/Average	77	36	56	61	0.62	2.36	11.66	14.92
5. Central								
Alexandria	72	35	53	62	0.50	2.29	12.68	16.18
Brusly	MM	MM	MM	62	M.MM	M.MM	MM.MM	16.40
Bunkie	73	37	57	62	0.43	3.18	15.60	16.52
LSU-Alexandria	73	37	59	61	0.35	2.35	13.84	15.66
Extreme/Average	73	35	56	62	0.43	2.61	14.04	16.14
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW	76	36	55	MM	0.34	2.23	13.72	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	75	38	57	62	0.31	1.72	10.42	15.41
Amite	77	37	56	62	0.50	3.19	13.46	17.91
LSU-Hammond	76	38	55	62	0.30	2.18	10.24	17.19
Slidell	76	40	56	63	0.02	4.32	15.31	16.86
Extreme/Average	77	36	56	63	0.29	2.73	12.63	17.05
7. Southwest								
DeRidder	74	36	56	62	0.87	2.86	14.77	15.73
Jennings	72	37	57	62	0.63	1.86	10.16	14.01
LSU-Crowley	72	38	57	63	0.42	1.49	8.69	14.37
Extreme/Average	74	36	57	63	0.64	2.07	11.21	14.01
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	76	37	56	63	0.12	2.08	12.10	15.10
LSU-Jeanerette	74	38	57	63	0.09	1.69	9.91	13.44
Morgan City	75	38	57	63	0.01	1.27	8.51	14.47
Extreme/Average	76	37	57	64	0.07	1.68	10.17	14.25
9. Southeast								
Galliano	78	39	57	64	0.45	3.75	15.85	15.47
Houma	77	39	58	65	0.41	2.43	11.80	14.51
Terrytown 3S	(82)	42	59	MM	0.20	2.73	13.08	MM.MM
Reserve	MM	MM	MM	63	0.00	M.MM	MM.MM	16.93
Extreme/Average	82	39	58	64	0.35	2.97	13.58	15.69
State Averages	82	27	56	62	0.47	2.38	11.82	15.38

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through March 28, 2010

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